



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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Dear requester,

Thank you for your recent request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at, **Section 1(1) (a)**, is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at, **Section 1 (1) (b)**, is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

The information that you are seeking is in relation to the following:

REQUEST

1) How many charges for Murder were given in your forces area over the previous years stated below, starting from 2018

2023
2022
2021
2020
2019
2018

Please split this data up by the number of charges for each year. If this is not possible, could you please provide this information as a total over the previous years listed above. Please provide this information in spreadsheet format (CSV or XLS).

2) Within your forces area, could you provide a breakdown of the areas that have the most murder charges.

This does not need to be broken down by postcode, towns would be sufficient for this.



RESPONSE

The data has been generated using all arrests recorded in the calendar years 2018 – 2023 under the offence title “Murder - victim one year of age or older”.

The tables show all custody records where a charge disposal has been attached for the above offence title in the calendar years 2018 – 2023. Please note that prosecution data is separate to this data and can be obtained from the courts.

Please note the data is broken down by local authority areas

Year	Total
2018	4
2019	4
2020	1
2021	8
2022	5
2023	1
Grand Total	23

Location	Total
Caerphilly	5
Monmouthshire	1
Newport	13
Torfaen	4
Grand Total	23

Freedom of Information Act is a public disclosure regime, not a private regime. Any information disclosed under the Act is thereafter deemed to be in the public domain, and therefore freely available to the public and will be published on the Gwent Police website.

If, upon receiving a response to a freedom of information request, you are unhappy with the outcome, you may request an internal review. **This should be made within 40 working days of the initial response.**

Please direct any internal review requests to FOI@gwent.police.uk



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You have the right to request an appeal from the Information Commissioners Office about your Freedom of Information request, if you are dissatisfied with your internal review response.

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Thank you for your interest in Gwent Police.